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In re Application of: PARIKKA et al.

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TITLE: A BACKLIGHTING LIGHT PIPE FOR ILLUMINATING A FLAT-PANEL DISPLAY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

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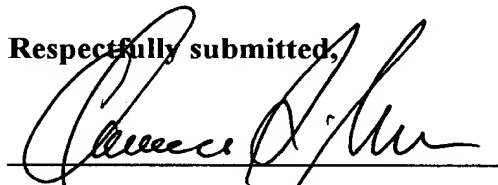
The above-identified patent application claims priority to Finnish Patent Application No. FI 982825 filed 30 December 1998. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a Finnish Search Report issued on the priority Finnish Patent Application No. FI 982825. The Search Report cited US Patent Nos.: US 5,640,483; US 5,748,828; US 5,801,795; European Patent Application Nos.: EP

781959; EP 760490 and PCT International Publication Nos.: WO 94/24589 and WO 97/41471.

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Copies of the Finnish Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

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